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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: RM-11338

Hagerstown Broadcasting Company, licensee of Radio Station WJEJ(AM), Hagerstown, Maryland, hereby submits its comments in support of the above-referenced Petition for Rulemaking filed by the National Association of Broadcasters, looking toward allowing FM Translators to be used by AM radio stations.

Station WJEJ has been on the air since 1932, thus making it one of the oldest stations in the country. The station strives to serve the local needs of Hagerstown and Washington County, in western Maryland. However, its nighttime signal fails to reach Hancock, also in Washington County, or significant portions of southeastern Washington County, including Boonesboro.

WJEJ airs local high school football and basketball games, some of which are scheduled in the evening. Despite the popularity of the games, the station's nighttime signal falls short of many of the people intensely interested in the games, i.e., family and friends of the players.

Through the use of FM Translators, as proposed by NAB, Station WJEJ could replicate its 2 mv/m signal thus reaching a large portion of its daytime audience which is now shut out at night.

Station WJEJ urges the Commission promptly to commence a proceeding looking toward the use of FM Translators by AM stations.

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Should additional information be necessary in connection with this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

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